

Private & Confidential

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Framingham,  
Ms. Feb. 7.  
Rev. Amos A. Phelps.  
Boston

P.S. Do not send any agent, a lecturer directly  
to me. Let him depend upon himself. But  
please to advise me by letter. I am then kept  
watch, and perhaps affect more than you  
would expect.  
Yours, L. K.

Wm. W. Westcott and Dr. Johnson from the minister



only want a tool, for a minister.

Then will probably be a large collection of people, the last three days of next week, assembled to hear Mr. B's trial; there will be many ministers present, and the most prominent - counsel are retained. Mr. Hubbard of Boston, Chas. Allen and Mr. Melick of Worcester, &c. &c.

Should you judge best to have an agent labor with us at that time, perhaps it would be well. It might be a remarkably favorable opportunity to get subscribers for your new Anti-Slavery paper, and also for "the Liberator". Perhaps a lecturer could not do much, but a suitable, efficient man can do a great deal with people <sup>by</sup> ~~at~~ <sup>by</sup> convocations to great tracts, periodicals, &c. &c. Mr. Colver would be the man to preach & lecture here, and at Saxonville.

Why can not Mr. Stanton be put up for Congress? If Abolitionists would give up on a candidate, it would double the Anti-slavery vote, next trial. Put up the eloquent, talented, chivalrous Stanton, and start immediately an Abolition paper to support his nomination. Not a vote was sent to Framingham, and I was left to my unaided resources, at the trial on Monday last. Write me, aid me by your counsel, and I will work as hard as I can.

With great regard, yours,  
Lavinia F. Burleigh.

Convince me that, when to say is to do, help me, give me the means, and I will do a complete work when you have done.



of the church — and it was Mr. Thark's friends  
the Anti-Slavery Party, who settled him — have  
been disappointed in him, and should the Stone  
family & the board of trustees make out any part  
of their charges, or even dust his coat, he will  
certainly leave this post before long.

I have conferred with Rev. Dr. Kellogg, this after-  
noon. He is entirely Mr. Brigham's friend,  
but thinks it possible that it may be best for Mr.  
B. to leave, that is, if he should not be intimate  
in his time.

Now, my dear Sir, I want  
anti-slavery to be strengthened as fast, and  
as strongly as possible. I submit all to your  
judgment. But if there should be a change of  
minister here, unless the right spirit comes up  
to aid the cause for good time, we shall have a  
pro-slavery man, or what may be more dan-  
gerous, a cold blooded, half-way abolitionist, and  
at times, inefficient minister, who would be worse  
than useless for this post.

Mr. Brigham gives  
his confidence to those of us, who are opposed to our  
<sup>the abolition enterprise</sup> deeper cause, and leans on them. The men  
Mr. B. leans on would not only oppose Anti-Slavery  
but all other religious & moral enterprise.  
Marshall is treacherous and not to be depended  
upon. Marshall, L. Belknap, Dea. Haven

It you will give me the names of those, of whom, I have seen Sabbath and with  
hitherto I can not see Mr. Stanton nor Mr. Marshall, Dr. Kellogg, Dr. Thark, Mr. Thark's  
friends, and I shall be completely in the dark.

I would not like to see Mr. Thark's friends, but I shall be completely in the dark.



(Private.)

Lawson Kingsbury.  
Framingham, Feb. 6. 1839.

Rev. Mr. Phelps,

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Dear Sir,

Mr. Brigham's

trial is to be on Thursday of next week, 14<sup>th</sup> inst. The trustees of this Academy got up an impeachment against our friend, charging him with deception, and falsehood, and representing that Mr. Brigham in consequence, by their charter, must be expelled from their board. Mr. Brigham has been forced

by individuals of his chh. & circumstances to submit himself to a trial by referees. The object of

this movement is to remove him from the ministry in this place, to impair his influence & usefulness, and if possible to distract a divide our chh. & society.

It is doubtless a barefaced, wicked, malicious, envious deed of our unitarians, but it is possible, that in the result it may be attended with fatal results to Mr. Brigham as to his ministry in Framingham, & this region.

The church continues united, and we shall be able to keep united in sustaining Mr. Brigham in his contest with the unitarians, and baptists, and the Stone family, & Rufus T. King, who are the cause of this sad difficulty, but our party has not any strong hold in the affections of a large part of the society, his wife is disliked, his children, the eldest, have given offence, the Anti-slavery portion of H. B. Stanton? Mr. Brigham would do all he can to support Mr. Stanton.

Wrote Mr. Kingsbury and Dr. Stanton from the ministers.